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## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald  
Readers Ebb and Flow of the  
Human Tide.

#### Oak Grove

Work on the Methodist church here is progressing nicely and it now appears that with favorable conditions the building will be ready for occupancy the latter part of the summer. The foundation for the new school building was excavated last week and the erection of the building will begin about the second week in July. This temporary delay is caused by the absence of the contractor, Mr. C. T. Shytle, who is away on his wedding trip.

The Methodist Sunday school here was called in last Sabbath on account of the "Efficiency Campaign" services held at Latta last Sunday morning. Quite a number from this section attended these services.

Mr. Charles H. Carlisle of Spartanburg came down from Bennettsville last Saturday where he is visiting his brother, E. S. Carlisle and spent the week end at the home of his niece, Mrs. J. S. Fair.

Recent rains have been very beneficial to the crops.

Some of the farmers of this section are experiencing difficulty in getting soda to apply to their cotton and corn. In some cases they had enough to make the first application and are now ready to make the second application that is as soon as their late shipments come in. While in other cases no soda has yet been applied to any of the crop.

#### Lake View.

Miss Vera M. Nelson left Sunday for her home in Virginia.

Mrs. C. R. Hayes and children are visiting in Richmond.

Mrs. W. C. Wallace and children have returned to Johnsonville, after several days stay with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Ford.

Lieut. A. R. Temple of Texas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Temple.

Mrs. R. L. Ford has returned from a week's stay at Edmund, S. C.

Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Miss Hudson are visiting Mrs. R. F. Elvington.

Messrs. L. G. Miller, J. B. Arnette, H. L. Turner and D. K. Ford spent Wednesday in Lumberton.

Mrs. L. W. Temple, Miss Aline and Lieut. A. R. Temple are spending some time at Wrightsville Beach.

Dr. C. M. Meares of Desdemona, Texas, is visiting relatives near town.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Carmichael of York have moved here. Mr. Carmichael has been appointed depot agent.

Miss Ethel Hayes spent a few days with friends in Fairmont the past week.

Mr. G. E. McDaniel of Danville, Va., who will have charge of The Liberty Warehouse is here for the tobacco season.

Messrs. H. L. Turner and M. E. Fagg of Martinsville, Va., and Stoneville spent a few days here the past week.

Miss Belle Horne spent Sunday in Whiteville, N. C.

#### Latta.

Percy Sessions of Florida is visiting his brother L. T. Sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith spent a few days in Charleston last week.

Herbert Lane of Charleston visited his sister here last week, Mrs. Luther Lee.

Mrs. Tracy Henry accompanied by Miss Hill left Friday for Saluda.

Mrs. DeJohn and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin of Atlanta, Ga., spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Kornblut.

Dr. E. L. Brown and Cary Covington, K. Bethea and John Henry are at Rocky River Springs.

J. H. Manning is in San Francisco, Cal. attending the Democratic Convention.

Miss Cora and Luther Lee spent Sunday in Lumberton with their sister, Miss Bertha Lee.

Mrs. J. W. Boozer and son of Columbia are the guests this week of Mrs. Dean Crumpler.

Miss Alice David of Dillon is the guest this week of the Misses Berry. B. C. Stafford is in Kernersville, N. C. visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stafford.

Mrs. Ed. Watson of Columbia is visiting relatives in town.

Misses Omega, Eva and Estelle Elberle spent several days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Rogers.

Mrs. T. C. McGee entertained Monday afternoon in honor of three brides—Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. Rupert Easterling and Mrs. David Foxworth.

Mrs. Tracey Fore is very sick at the home of her daughter Mrs. A. W. Finkler.

Mrs. Frank Watkins who has been at Highsmith hospital for some time has returned home very much improved.

Miss Smithy left Monday night for her home in Baltimore.

#### Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Title on the Cross." Evening subject: "The Chopper and His Task." Annual sermon before the Woodmen of the World. Prayer service on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services.

## NEGRO NOMINATED FOR GOV. OF STATE OF ARKANSAS

J. H. Blunt, who is the first negro to be nominated for governor of Arkansas, received his nomination at the hands of a faction of the Republican party in that state.

Blunt is about 60 years old, and has made his home in Arkansas city for the past 47 years.

The nominee was born in Jones county, Georgia, received his elementary training in the schools of Atlanta and his higher education in Nashville and Chicago. He is at present principal of the negro schools of Helena and has been connected with schools in several Arkansas towns, including Hot Springs, Texarkana and Forest City.

Blunt is said to be in independent financial circumstances, owning over 600 acres of farm land and to teach merely for the love of the work. He is active in many fraternal orders.

### Program for Club Encampment and Short Course at Reedy Creek Springs.

11:00-12:00 — Registering Club members.

12:00-1:30—Chapel, club songs.

1:00-2:00—Dinner.

Girls' Work.

2:00-3:30 — Sewing, Mrs. Edna McPherson and Miss Edna Earle.

3:30-5:00 — Bread demonstration, Miss Edna Earle and Mrs. Edna McPherson.

Boys' Work.

2:00-3:00—What I think about club work, Asbury Williams. How club work has helped me, Maloy Turbeville.

3:00-3:30—"Tug of War." Training by B. O. Williams in setting up exercises.

3:30-5:00—Round table discussion of club work between club members and club leaders.

For All.

5:00-7:00—Play.

7:00-7:30 — Supper.

7:30-8:30—General good time on grounds near springs.

8:30-9:30—Lantern Slides.

9:30—To bed.

Thursday, July 8th.

7:30-8:30—Breakfast.

Girls' Work.

9:00-11:00—Canning in glass and tin, Mrs. Edna McPherson and Miss Edna Earle.

11:00-11:30 — Rest period.

11:30-12:00—Discussion of record books and County Fair.

Boys' Work.

8:30-9:00—Improving farm crops, Colon McLaughlin.

9:00-9:30 — Care of the home orchard, George E. Prince.

9:30-10:00 — Some common diseases of livestock, J. Ward McLendon.

10:00-11:00 — Play and recreation.

11:00-11:30 — Talk on club work, L. L. Baker.

11:30-12:00 — The nation needs you back on the farm, H. S. Johnson.

For All.

12:00-1:00—Chapel exercises and club songs.

1:00-2:00—Dinner.

Girls' Work.

2:00-3:00—Preserving eggs in waterglass, Mrs. Edna McPherson.

3:00-5:00 — Sewing, Mrs. Edna McPherson and Miss Edna Earle.

Boys' Work.

2:00-3:00 — Talk on club work, I. W. Hill.

3:00-3:30 — The value of a college education, H. S. Johnson.

3:30-5:00 — General discussion of club problems and club work.

5:00-7:00 — Play.

7:00-7:30 — Supper.

7:30-8:30 — General good time on grounds near springs.

8:30-9:30 — Lantern slides.

9:30 — To bed.

Friday, July 9th.

7:30-8:30—Breakfast.

Girls' Work.

9:00-9:15 — Club songs.

9:15-11:00 — Pickling, Miss Edna Earle, Mrs. Edna McPherson.

Boys' Work.

8:30-9:30—How to grow an acre of corn and club instructions, B. O. Williams.

9:30-10:00 — Care of the brood sow and litter, Colon McLaughlin.

10:00-10:30 — Feeding hogs, S. E. Evans.

10:30-11:00—Play.

Program for Men and Women.

11:00-11:30—Talk on club work, I. W. Hill, Washington, D. C.

11:30-12:00 — Talk, W. W. Long, director of extension work.

12:00-12:30—Talk on poultry, R. H. Wilkins, poultry specialist.

12:30-1:00 — Talk on cotton boll weevil, Prof. A. F. Conradi, State Entomologist.

1:00-2:00—Picnic dinner. Club members dismissed.

### Club Encampment and Short Course at Reedy Creek Springs.

The Dillon County Encampment and Short Course for club boys and girls will be held the 7th, 8th, and 9th of July at Reedy Creek Springs. The boys and girls who attended the short course last year remember the good times they had. It is the plan of the demonstration forces to make this encampment even more enjoyable than the one last year. The program includes various amusements, canning and bread demonstrations, sewing, and talks on poultry, corn and pigs.

The men and women from all parts of the county are especially invited to be present the last day, July the 9th. Interesting and instructive talks will be made by Dr. W. W. Long, Professor A. F. Conradi and others. The program will be concluded with a picnic dinner on the hotel grounds. A full program will be published next week.

## BENNETTSVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME.

Young Telegraph Operator Held for  
Alleged Assault Upon Young  
White Girl.

Fee Dee Advocate.

Joe Simons, a young telegraph operator, is in jail here, charged with criminal assault upon a young lady who is said to be under fourteen years of age.

Late last Friday afternoon C. D. Odom and Murray Odom were coming in a car from C. D. Odom's river pasture, near Gardner's Bluff, when they suddenly came upon an automobile standing in the road, near the river and Simons and a girl were on the back seat. They did not recognize the girl but next day they made inquiries which led to her identity. Her father, who is a farmer living several miles in the country, was notified Saturday night. He swore out a warrant Sunday morning, charging Simons with criminal assault upon his daughter. In the mean time Simons had been arrested in Bennettsville Saturday night and placed in jail.

The girl was working at an industrial plant in Bennettsville, and boarding with a relative. After her father learned of the affair in the river swamp Friday afternoon, she told him that Simons had assaulted her.

She said that Simons took her to ride Thursday night and kept her out late but that his conduct toward her was then gentlemanly. After work hours Friday evening, she accepted his invitation to go to the candy kitchen to get some ice cream. After getting the ice cream they got into his car and he started out of town. She says she asked him to come back, as she had an engagement to go to preaching, but he went on and stopped in a dark, dreary place, and assaulted her after she had resisted and fought him off till she was exhausted. She said that when Mr. Odom's car went by she screamed and tried to sign it down, but it went on, the noise of the car drowning her voice. Simons kept her there till late in the night and brought her to her boarding place. It is said that her bruised body and bloody clothing show signs of the struggle and assault. Her father says that she will be fourteen years old next September.

Joe Simons has been in Bennettsville about a year as a telegraph operator at the Western Union office. His father is said to be an American born Assyrian, and his mother an American woman. They live in Richmond, Va. Joe is about 20 years old.

When Simons was arrested Saturday night, he admitted to Chief of Police Cunningham that he had improper relations with the girl. On Sunday he wired his brother-in-law in Baltimore, and Monday he retained J. J. Evans as attorney, and Mr. Evans wired his father in Richmond.

When Simons was arrested Saturday night, Magistrate Gibson appointed Tuesday at 10 a. m. for the hearing. When the hour arrived Mr. Evans asked for a postponement of the hearing till the father of Simons arrived. McColl and Stevenson, attorneys for the prosecution, insisted upon an immediate hearing. After considerable argument by the attorneys, Col. Gibson postponed the hearing till Thursday at 10 a. m. He also announced that nobody would be admitted to the hearing except witnesses, attorneys, officers, members of the family and newspaper reporters. Senator McColl said that the constitution required trials to be public but Col. Gibson said that no matter what the constitution and law said, he would exclude the crowd from this hearing.

Mr. Simons' brother-in-law and a friend arrived Tuesday afternoon. They wired for his father, and he is expected to be here in time for the preliminary hearing Thursday morning.

### Johnson-Walker Home Demonstration Loan Fund.

The members of the Home Demonstration Clubs of South Carolina who attended the State Short Course a few weeks ago at Winthrop College started the Johnson-Walker Loan Fund. This fund provides for a scholarship worth \$100. This scholarship is to be given by competitive examination to a girl from the Home Demonstration Clubs of South Carolina. At the end of her course this girl is to return the fund without interest, at the rate of \$100 per year, which amount in turn educates another girl. Those in Dillon county wishing to try for this scholarship will have the opportunity at the time of the regular Winthrop examination on July 2nd and 3rd at the court house.

### MRS. SARAH BROGDEN.

The entire community around Floydale was saddened by the death of our beloved friend and neighbor, Mrs. Sarah Brogden, who died on Friday, June 18. She was ill for quite a while and her death was not unexpected. She was buried on the following day of her death, at Mt. Andrews church near Floydale, of which she had been a member for a number of years. This wonderful christian character was loved by all who knew her. She was 65 years of age, and is survived by a husband, Mr. William Brogden and two sons, D. S. and E. L. Brogden, and four daughters, Mrs. H. K. King, Mrs. M. King, Mrs. C. A. King and Mrs. F. A. Proctor, all of Dillon county.

The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of their friends in this dark hour of sorrow.

## U. S. MARSHALL SEIZES FEEDSTUFFS

United States Marshall Jas. L. Sims arrived in Dillon Monday and seized 300 bags of feedstuffs at the Carolina Milling Company's plant. The feedstuff was shipped in from Indian and did not analyze according to the ingredients on the tags. No blame whatever attaches to the Carolina Milling Company and they will not be the losers. The feedstuff was bought by the Carolina Milling Co., in good faith but before it could be put on the market they had an analysis made by the government inspector who found that it did not analyze as represented. Notice is given in this issue of The Herald that a hearing will be given the manufacturers of the product on the 8th of July and if the feedstuff is condemned it will be sold at public auction and the proceeds turned over to the government.

### STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES.

Commissioner Cottingham Gives Interesting Data on the Financial Condition of County.

Editor Herald:—In 1910 the County of Dillon voted bonds in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the purpose of building a court house and jail.

In 1912 there was a bond issue for the purpose of building and improving the roads of the county in the sum of \$100,000.00.

In 1917 there was created a past indebtedness commission for the purpose of settling outstanding current claims against the county caused by alleged fraudulent indulgences by certain county officials. This commission borrowed \$28,000.00.

The \$80,000.00 debt becomes due in 1940. The \$100,000.00 debt comes due in 1940. The county is paying the interest on these bonds of indebtedness semi-annually at the rate of 5 per cent.

To take care of this interest and to provide a sinking fund by which the bonds shall be retired at the date on which they become due there is levied each year taxes in the amount of three and one-half mills. The amount borrowed by the past indebtedness commission will likely be retired or paid in 1920 as there is a special tax of one and one-half mills levied for this purpose and to the credit of this fund now is \$16,000.00 which has accumulated by virtue of the said tax. In 1916, I am told by the treasurer, J. R. Watson, there was only about \$2,000.00 in the sinking fund to take care of the bonded indebtedness which totals \$180,000.00. Since that date, 1916, the treasurer has built up this fund to where there is now to its credit \$50,000.00. This shows conclusively that the sinking fund had been up to 1916 severely neglected.

The money in the sinking fund which from the above figures amounts to \$66,000.00 is loaned out by the treasurer at a good rate of interest and if he has the good luck in the future that he has had since 1916 there will be enough money in the treasurers hands to pay off the bonded indebtedness of \$180,000.00 long before it is due.

In 1915, the county commissioners bought from Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Craig a piece of land just across the Little Pee Dee river containing 75 acres to be used as the county "Poor Farm." For such purpose however, it has never been used. The amount paid for it was \$5,000.00. To meet this indebtedness there was and has been levied a tax amounting annually to one-fourth of one mill. This small levy will cease after this year as it will have served its purpose.

The present Board of Commissioners, composed of P. A. George, C. P. Hayes and L. Cottingham and the Road Commissioner J. C. Adams are at a loss to know what to do with the "Poor Farm." It rents for only a small amount. To equip it with proper buildings and to furnish the buildings properly for habitation would require an outlay of money which the present board can ill afford to spare or provide. Its use as a home for the paupers of the county would necessitate the employment of a competent superintendent and such a person would be hard to find, at a reasonable salary. The present value of the farm is estimated at eight to ten thousand dollars. The county is spending annually on its paupers \$2,000, and they receive towards their upkeep, only a pittance, as we are able to pay them, each, only \$3.00 per month. When one dies the burial expenses have to be paid from this sum.

It is hoped by the commissioners that some proper solution of the pauper problem can be worked out before another year.

Since January 1, 1920, the present Board of Commissioners has paid out on 1919 claims \$35,426.40. In this amount was a note made in 1919 for \$30,000.00. This was borrowed against the taxes of 1919 and became due February 1, 1920. It is expected that the tax executions now being issued and being collected will take care of the balance of the said amount, \$5,526.40. The board of commissioners should and ought to have the money from the taxes of 1919 to run on in 1920. Instead of this condition, which is the ideal and healthy one for any business institution, the county is forced to borrow money to run on, and it has borrowed \$40,000.00. It will have to borrow about \$15,000.00 more to meet its obligations until tax money begins coming in this fall.

The taxable property in Dillon

## WANT BETTER LIGHTS AND MORE WATER.

Committee Appointed at Citizen's  
Meeting to Investigate Light  
and Water Situation.

There was a fairly representative crowd at the citizen's meeting at the court house Thursday night. The object of the meeting was to discuss the light and water situation and adopt such plans as were necessary to improve the service the people have been putting up with for some time past. The subject was discussed from many angles. Sentiment was about evenly divided on the question of selling the plant to private parties or issuing additional bonds and improving the present plant. C. L. Wheeler, chairman of the Public Works Commission, said the plant was not worn out, but was overloaded. He said it was entirely too small for the town. Mr. Wheeler was of the opinion that the plant could be put on a paying basis by the expenditure of several thousand dollars in improvements. He did not favor private ownership. F. M. Niernsie said the engine was out-of-date and it was costing too much to produce current. He felt that the plant could be put on a paying basis if modern machinery is installed and competent help secured. Dr. Stackhouse was inclined to private ownership as against municipal ownership. He did not think the town could operate the plant at a profit. Morris Fass, was in favor of any plan that would give us first class service. Talks were made by Joe P. Lane, Capers Braddy, J. B. Gibson, J. W. Connelly, E. R. Hamer, Mayor Hamer and others. Following a thorough discussion of the matter the following committee was appointed to consider a proposition to sell the plant or to issue bonds and put in new machinery. A. B. Jordan, C. L. Wheeler, F. M. Niernsie, W. V. Jones and J. F. Thompson. The committee was authorized to employ expert engineers if necessary and will report back to the citizens when they have completed their investigations and have recommendations to make.

county in 1919 was \$5,591,357.00.

There is levied for county purposes this year 12 mills, which will bring to the treasury of the county, basing the valuation the same as last year, the sum of \$67,096.28.

The automobile tax amount last year to \$5,381.78. This year is levied a state highway tax of 2 mills which will bring to the county treasury about \$11,182.71.

Add these three amounts together and you have the total source of income for 1920, assuming that the automobile tax will be the same as last year. The sad part about it is that we are now borrowing against it. We are just about one year behind. No man is called a good business man who stays a year behind in financing his business. Dillon county is a wealthy institution and there is no reason why its business should not be conducted on a sound financial basis. Our county is a great corporate body, bigger by far than any bank, cotton mill or other corporation in the state of South Carolina and though permitted to be a year behind in its obligations, there is no getting around the fact that we are stockholders in it. There is no one who would prize very highly stock in a corporate or private enterprise that stayed involved from year to year. The appropriation this year as recommended by the delegation and passed by the General Assembly is \$80,758.00. Of this amount \$25,000.00 is allotted to cross county roads \$17,391.00 for the payment of county officers, magistrates and constables, \$460.00 to county boards, \$2,000.00 for county home, poor house and poor, \$500.00 for post mortems, inquests and lunacies, \$1,000.00 for public buildings including water, fuel, light and insurance, \$1,200.00 for printing, postage and stationery for the county offices, \$4,200.00 for the employment of two rural policemen, \$250.00 for vital statistics, \$970.00 for the employment of a home demonstration agent, \$1,500.00 for the employment of a county nurse, \$700.00 for farm demonstration agent. It is the purpose of the commissioners to stay within the budget and to do so in many instances will require a close watch upon expenditures as well as the condition of each account from time to time.

The claims paid from the appropriation up to the 8th of June amounted to \$33,309.22. This amount represents the 1920 claims and has nothing to do with the claims paid in settlement of 1919 business amounting to \$35,426.40.

In so far as this years appropriation is concerned, it is ample to meet the necessary expenses of the county. The 12 mills levied for county purposes will take care of the appropriation and possibly show a small surplus at the end of the year.

There is a 2 mill levy for state highway purposes which will give to the county the sum of \$11,182.71 assuming that the property valuation is the same this year as last year. The automobile license tax which is collected by the state highway commission and returned to the county amounted last year to \$5,381.78. Add these two amounts together and you have \$16,564.49.

As there is no state highway road in the county at this time this amount can be diverted to other roads, otherwise it will appear as a surplus at the end of the year.

The county can get federal aid to the amount of \$40,000.00 if it wants it to be expended on a state highway road if the county will raise a like

## COUNTY ACCEPTS GOVERNMENT AID

Will Put Up \$40,000 to Build Gravel  
Road from Marion to Marl-  
boro Line.

In response to the invitation of Commissioner Cottingham a number of citizens met at the court house Tuesday and discussed the proposition to put up \$40,000 of county money against \$40,000 of government money for the purpose of building a gravel road from the Marion to the Marlboro county line. After a thorough discussion of the matter it was agreed unanimously to put up the \$40,000 and accept the government aid. The road will run through Latta, Dillon and Little Rock, following the old road almost the entire distance. The cost will be about \$3000 per mile. While the government furnishes half the money it has nothing to do with the construction work. The only authority it assumes in the matter is to require the county to build a road of a certain width and thickness.

W. H. Muller moved that the meeting go on record as favoring a bond issue of \$500,000 for the purpose of building a system of good roads. Mr. Muller pointed out that the interest on the bonds would be considerably less than the cost of maintaining temporary roads, to say nothing of saving in wear and tear on vehicles and stock. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the delegation in the next general assembly will be asked to introduce a bill providing for an election on the question.

## TOBACCO MEETING CALLED FOR NEXT TUESDAY.

Mullins, S. C., June 29, 1920

A little more than a year ago the South Carolina Tobacco Association was organized at Florence, S. C., but soon after the markets opened last year it was found that the organization lacked efficiency. As every warehouse selling tobacco in the belt was full of tobacco and could not ship a pound, hence it was necessary to have a call meeting of the association and appoint a committee to go to Washington for the purpose of getting the railroad embargo lifted. This was done and in three days the purpose was fully accomplished.

As vice president of the association I have received urgent requests from prominent farmers, bankers, warehousemen and tobacco buyers asking for a meeting of the association. In accordance with these requests I have selected next Tuesday, July 6th at 11:30 for a meeting of the association to be held in county court house in Florence, S. C., for the purpose of perfecting a more efficient organization and to consider the question of finance and transportation and any other matter which may properly come before the meeting.

In making this call I earnestly request that the tobacco growers, the tobacco warehousemen, the tobacco buyers and the bankers of every tobacco growing section of the State send representatives to the meeting. It is also requested that the weekly papers in the tobacco belt publish this notice.

N. A. McMillan,  
Vice President S. C. Tobacco Asso.